

RECOGNIZING WALTER FURNACE
ON RECEIVING NAFCU'S PAUL
REVERE AWARD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter R. Furnace on receiving the National Association of Federal Credit Union's Paul Revere Award. Walter received this award because he excels at promoting the credit union industry's most pressing concerns. In his work with the American Airlines Federal Credit Union (AAFCU), Walter has demonstrated great passion for supporting credit unions and their mission to provide members an opportunity to have a hand in the services they use for the financial wellbeing of their families. Walter's relationship building and strong work ethic over the years continues to prove successful. He works to build relationships not only with Members of Congress from his home state, but where AAFCU has fields of membership as well. His strong grasp of issues affecting credit unions and their members allows him to be an effective member of NAFCU's operations. I've had the pleasure of working with Walter for many years.

Walter uses his experience in public service as a former State Representative of Alaska to benefit those whom he serves by effectively advancing the priorities of credit unions in the public sphere. His past public service catalyzed his success in his current role, caring and doing what he can for his members.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Walter Furnace as a recipient of the National Association of Federal Credit Union's Paul Revere Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF MARS CHOCO-
LATE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the associates and leadership of the Mars Chocolate manufacturing facility in Albany, Georgia as they celebrate 50 years of operation. The Mars Chocolate plant will commemorate this milestone with a celebration to be held on Friday, October 10, 2014.

Family owned since 1911, Mars, Incorporated has 44 manufacturing facilities in the United States and employs more than 26,500 associates. It has diverse consumer businesses in chocolate, gum and confections, food, drinks and pet care. Mars strives to create a mutuality of benefits among all stakeholders through its Five Principles: Quality, Efficiency, Responsibility, Mutuality and Freedom.

The Mars plant in Albany opened in 1964 as "Peanut Masters" and operated primarily as a peanut roasting facility. This plant has a long history and a strong connection to the Georgia

peanut industry and today roasts all the peanuts for Snickers®, Snickers® Ice Cream, Snickers® Peanut Butter Squared, M&M's® Peanut Butter, and Twix® PB Bars in the United States. The plant employs 172 of my constituents and now manufactures Combos® and Marathon® bars, in addition to the roasting operation.

For the past 50 years, Mars has had a tremendous impact on the Albany, Georgia community. Not only does it offer economic benefits by providing jobs, the company also encourages its associates to give back to the community through various community engagement programs.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask that my colleagues join me and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in congratulating the Mars Chocolate manufacturing facility in Albany, Georgia for 50 years of operation. I am so glad to have this iconic American company in my District and I look forward to 50 more years of continued success in Southwest Georgia.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID STARR AND
HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN
JOURNALISM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal satisfaction that I pay tribute to a remarkable individual who has spent more than 70 years working in the only profession that ever mattered to him: journalism. David Starr knew he wanted to be in the newspaper business when he was in the fifth grade, and since then, he has gone on to have a long and distinguished career with the Newhouse publications. He has been a reporter, an editor, a publisher and a president; performing each task with enthusiasm and great skill. To me, he is the quintessential newspaperman, bringing passion, integrity and devotion to his beloved craft. More importantly, I am proud to call him my friend.

As much as David Starr enjoys his day job, he has another keen interest, and that is making western Massachusetts a better place to live, work and raise a family. Since I first met him in 1977, few people have done more to improve the quality of life in the Pioneer Valley. Under his leadership, downtown Springfield experienced an unprecedented rebirth. He encouraged the public and private sectors to work together to bring economic development and jobs to the region. The Monarch Building, the Sheraton Hotel, the Bank of Boston Building and a new state-of-the-art high speed color press are all living proof of his tireless efforts. He had a vision for our community and it was realized. But knowing David Starr, I am certain that he believes his work is far from complete.

It should not come as a surprise that he used to read 13 New York newspapers every day in his youth. A born journalist with a curious mind, David got his start with the Long Island Press in 1940. That is where his lifelong partnership with the Newhouse family began. They recognized his talents and he quickly rose through the ranks. Following his service in the Army, he returned to the paper where

he would eventually become its senior editor. His hard work was rewarded once again when the Newhouse family sent him to Massachusetts to run the Springfield Republican. He has been in his corner office at 1860 Main Street ever since.

Besides his fondness for the newspaper business, the other constant in David's life has been his wife Peggy. For more than a half century they have been a formidable team. Their philanthropic efforts and willingness to give back to our community is legendary. If you have heard the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, visited our extraordinary museums, listed to public radio or watched WGBY, you can thank David and Peggy Starr. They have continually invested in our cultural institutions and helped make a difference in the place we call home.

As his friends and colleagues gather together in Springfield this week, I want to join them in thanking David for many years of friendship. For eight decades, you have been a fixture in the newsrooms of America. You have encouraged your writers and informed your readers. Both you and Peggy have generously given your time and resources for the betterment of others. And the lasting contributions you have made to our community will never be forgotten. On behalf of the United States of House of Representatives, let me congratulate you on a job well done.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE
2014 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2014 Best of Braddock Awards, presented by the Braddock District Council of Community Associations. These awards are given annually to deserving individuals, organizations, and companies in the Braddock Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Virginia, who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community.

The goal of the Braddock District Council is to promote the civic, community, and general welfare of the citizens of the Braddock District. The Council represents the interests of community associations, facilitates cooperation and coordination between associations, and provides a path of communications between associations and officials or elected representatives of the Braddock District.

I am pleased to join the Braddock District Council of Community Associations in recognizing the following Recipients of the 2014 Best of Braddock Awards:

Citizen of the Year—Norma Heck, founding member and immediate past president of the North Springfield Civic Association, for nearly 40 years of extensive involvement in the community. Norma is well known for her dedicated service and although she has reached an age at which most people decide to slow down a bit, she plans to become even more active on the NSCA board and in Braddock District Council programs.

Young Person of the Year—Elizabeth Banks, who is a student at Robinson Secondary School, for her many efforts on behalf of others including working with children, volunteering for Second Chance Employment

Services, which assists victims of domestic violence, assisting in the renovation of an orphanage in the Dominican Republic, and organizing a Special Olympics basketball game at Robinson. As a volunteer at the medical neurology lab at Georgetown University, she participated in efforts to create a protein that could be used by others to test its role in Parkinson's disease. She will no doubt continue to remain involved and engaged in her community at the University of Virginia next year.

Most "Can-Do" Public Employee—Julie Tahan, Lake Accotink Park Supervisor, for her management that has allowed Lake Accotink to be one of the most outstanding parks in Fairfax County, and for her outstanding leadership capabilities demonstrated through her coordination of the efforts to recover from tropical storms and organization of the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification by a Homeowner—Paula and David McKinley, for their beautiful and extensive rose garden that has included more than 75 varieties of roses. Their spectacular garden has enhanced the aesthetics of the neighborhood since the early 1990s.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification by a Community—Greg Sykes of Kings Park West for his commitment to the environment through teaching volunteers about the impacts of non-native invasive species, replanting native vegetation, giving nature walks around Royals Lake, and contributing to the Kings Park West Herald, other publications, and his website.

Organizations Making a Difference in the Community—The David R. Pinn Center for creating a welcoming environment and dynamic programs for all members of the community, including senior citizens and students. Sarah Tinsley is receiving special recognition for her work with teens and the establishment of the "Stand Up, Step Up, Speak Up (S3UP) program which focuses on leadership training, citizenship and job-readiness, and is the only community center based S3UP program in the county.

Special Recognition—Rohil Bhinge, student at Mosby Woods Elementary School, for leading efforts to complete a fully accessible playground in the Braddock District. Rohil organized fun runs in 2012, 2013, and 2014 to raise funds and community support for a regional facility where children of all abilities can play.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding residents and organizations and also in thanking them for their service to our community. Their efforts and leadership have been a great benefit to the Braddock District and the rest of Northern Virginia and truly merit our highest praise.

COMMENDING THE 2014 FIESTA HISPANA

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Centro Hispano of Dane County as it hosts Fiesta Hispana, an annual celebration of the Latino community in Madison, Wisconsin.

The festival is an important community event that showcases Latino heritage and culture. Fiesta Hispana offers traditional cuisine and features wonderful dance and music performances as well as fun activities for all family members to enjoy.

The impact of Centro Hispano is felt every day throughout the community, not just through today's event. The center engages with the community and connects residents with vital education, career and general support resources.

I commend the mission and tireless work of Centro Hispano of Dane County to serve and empower local Latino youth and families.

It is an honor to celebrate Fiesta Hispana 2014 as we come together to celebrate the diverse Latino cultures that enrich our community and make it stronger.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARIBEL GOMEZ-CORDERO

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Maribel Gomez-Cordero. Maribel was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She has been living in Orlando, Florida for the past eighteen years. She and her husband, Henry Cordero, have been married for 27 years and have three children, Marian, Henry, and Erik. Maribel is also an active member and leader of The Potter's House Assembly of God Church.

Maribel earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling specializing in Marriage and Family, from Webster University. Throughout her career as a Social Worker, she has worked for Children's Home Society of Florida, and as a Clinical Therapist for Life & Work Solutions counseling clinic. Maribel has always dedicated herself to work for those who experience crisis, and provides support to individuals, families and groups within her community. In 2002, the Educational Foundation for the Advancement of Child Welfare honored her with the "A Person That Makes A Difference" Award from the Florida Coalition for Children of Central Florida.

Maribel is also the Vice President for WE Hispanic Women Chamber of Commerce and a Volunteer and Advisor for the Victim of Domestic Violence Program at Nuevo Sendero. Besides her career in social work, Maribel managed her husband and brother-in-law's photography, videos, and public relations company. She was also the editor of the newspaper OJO which dealt with news in the photography and art industry. Maribel currently manages her own private practice in which she is also a psychotherapist.

Maribel was a candidate for Orange County Commissioner for District 4 in the Primary Elections on August 26, 2014. She continues to follow her passion for working with families in the community.

I am happy to recognize Maribel Gomez-Cordero, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her commitment to working with Central Florida's families.

WASHINGTON "REDSKINS" DEBATE: YOU CAN USE CAPS, CHANGE WILL PREVAIL

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, in an ignorant display of defiance, NFL owner Dan Snyder vowed to continue his racist use of the offensive term "redskins" for his Washington team when he stated, "We'll never change the name. NEVER—you can use caps."

For historical purposes and in response to Mr. Snyder's unceasing, racist rants which disrespect Native Americans across this land who oppose the use of this derogatory term, I rise today to share with my colleagues and submit an editorial I recently co-authored with Suzan Harjo, a noted Native American rights advocate, entitled "Change Will Prevail".

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CHANGE WILL PREVAIL

(By Eni F.H. Faleomavaega and Suzan Shown Harjo)

In 1933 George Preston Marshall renamed his team the Washington Redskins, previously known as the Washington Braves, to avoid confusion with the Boston Braves. He did not seek federal trademark protection for the name until 1967, when students were trying to rid Oklahoma, Dartmouth, Stanford and other schools of their race-based stereotypes and were using the example of the Washington team name as the worst in the country. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) wrongly granted him and later owners six trademark licenses for this racial slur.

Some suggest this action was in violation of the Trademark Act of 1946, or the Lanham Act, which directs the USPTO to refuse to register trademarks that "may disparage . . . persons, living or dead, institutions, beliefs, or national symbols, or bring them into contempt, or disrepute." In 1999 and again this year, the USPTO's trademark judges canceled the existing federal trademarks, pending appeal, and its examining attorneys have denied a dozen requests for new trademarks.

While pundits on both sides of the argument dispute its origins, the term "redskins" is reminiscent of colonial times when, by governmental decree, Native Americans were hunted, killed, and scalped for bounty. The struggle to rid the sports world of this disgusting term is about that heinous history of commodifying native skins.

In June of this year, the USPTO responded favorably to a petition filed by five young Native Americans, holding that the offending trademarks, owned by Pro-Football, Inc. (the entity that owns and operates the Washington franchise) were "disparaging to Native Americans at the respective times they were registered." We applaud the USPTO's cancellation of the six federal trademark registrations that use this disparaging term.

Foreseeing that current owner Dan Snyder would appeal the USPTO decision just like he did in 1999, historic legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives that would permanently clarify the Lanham Act to ensure that the derogatory term will never receive federal trademark protection again. H.R. 1278, the Non-Disparagement of Native American Persons or Peoples in Trademark Registration Act of 2013, now has more than 20 co-sponsors.

As early as May 13, 2013, 10 members of the House also sent a joint letter to Snyder and